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SENATE.

Thursday, April 22, 1824.—100th day.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Rezin Rawlings, and John Locke, executors of Daniel Rawlings, and in concurrence therewith, *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Mr. EATON presented the petition of John A. Webster, late sailing master in the naval service of the United States, praying indemnity for property lost while in the discharge of his duty, which was read, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

The bill to provide for the settlement of certain pecuniary claims against the United States; and, the bill explanatory of an act confirming claims to lots in the town of Mobile, were severally reported by the Committee correctly engrossed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to procure the necessary surveys, plans and estimates, upon the subject of roads and canals, together with the amendment proposed by Mr. BENTON, viz: to strike out the whole of the bill after the enacting clause, and insert five new sections;" Mr. BARBOUR in the chair.

A division of the question was called for, and the question was taken on striking out, and determined in the negative. Yeas 21, Nays 21.

YEAS, 21.—Messrs. Barbour, Bell, Benton, Branch, Chandler, Clayton, D'Wolf, Edwards, Elliott, Gaillard, Holmes, of Me. Henry Johnson, Josiah S. Johnston, King, of N. Y. Knight, Macon, Mills, Taylor, of Va. Thomas, Van Buren, Williams.

NAYS, 21.—Messrs. Barton, Brown, Dickerson, Eaton, Findlay, Hayne, Holmes, of Miss. Jackson, Johnson, of Ky. Henry Johnson, J. S. Johnston, Kelly, Knight, Lanman, Lloyd, of Md. Lowrie, M'Ilvaine, Noble, Ruggles, Seymour, Talbot, Taylor, of Ind. Thomas, Van Dyke, Ware. *Adjourned.*

Friday, April 23, 1824.—101st day.

On motion by Mr. BARBOUR, *Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be required to report to the Senate how far the act has been executed, entitled "An act for the relief of Nimrod Farrow and Richard Harris, and their securities," approved the 3d March, 1823.

Mr. HAYNE presented the memorial of E. Littell, bookseller, of Philadelphia, praying that no additional duties may be imposed on imported books; read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion by Mr. BARTON, *Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the resolution of the 29th December last, on the expediency of disposing of the salines and lead mines.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to procure the necessary surveys, plans, and estimates upon the subject of Roads and Canals;" Mr. BARBOUR in the chair.

On motion by Mr. SMITH, that there be inserted at the end of the first section, the following proviso: "Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to affirm or admit a power in Congress on their own authority, to make roads or canals within any of the states of the Union."

On motion by Mr. VAN DYKE, to amend the proposed amendment by adding thereto, the following:

"And, provided also, That previous to making any of the aforesaid surveys, the consent of the states through which the said surveys are to be made, shall first be obtained by the President from the legislatures of the states respectively, agreeing that such surveys may be made;" it was determined in the negative—Yeas 15, Nays 28.

YEAS, 15.—Messrs. Barbour, Bell, Chandler, Elliott, Gaillard, King, of N. Y. Lloyd, of Mass. Macon, Mills, Palmer, Smith, Taylor, of Va. Van Buren, Van Dyke, and Ware.

NAYS, 28.—Messrs. Barton, Benton, Branch, Brown, Clayton, D'Wolf, Eaton, Edwards, Findlay, Hayne, Holmes, of Me. Holmes, of Miss. Jackson, Johnson, of Ky. Henry Johnson, J. S. Johnston, King, of Ala. Knight, Lanman, Lloyd, of Md. Lowrie, M'Ilvaine, Ruggles, Seymour, Talbot, Taylor, of Ind. Thomas, and Williams.

On motion by Mr. CHANDLER, further to amend the said proposed amendment by striking out the word "admit," and inserting *deny*. It was determined in the negative—Yeas 10, Nays 36.

YEAS, 10.—Messrs. Barton, Brown, Hayne, J. S. Johnston, Kelly, Lloyd, of Mass. Ruggles, Seymour, Talbot, and Williams.

NAYS, 36.—Messrs. Barbour, Bell, Benton, Branch, Chandler, Clayton, D'Wolf, Dickerson, Eaton, Edwards, Elliott, Findlay, Gaillard, Holmes, of Me. Holmes, of Miss. Jackson, Johnson, of Ken. Henry Johnson, King, of Ala. King, of N. Y. Knight, Lanman, Lloyd, of Md. Lowrie, M'Ilvaine, Macon, Mills, Noble, Palmer, Smith, Taylor, of Ind. Taylor, of Va. Thomas, Van Buren, Van Dyke, and Ware.

On the question to agree to the amendment as originally proposed. It was determined in the negative—Yeas 21, Nays 25.

YEAS, 21.—Messrs. Barbour, Bell, Branch, Chandler, Clayton, D'Wolf, Elliott, Findlay, Gaillard, Holmes, of Me. King, of Ala. King, of N. Y. Lloyd, of Mass. Macon, Mills, Palmer, Smith, Taylor, of Va. Van Buren, Van Dyke, and Ware.

NAYS, 25.—Messrs. Barton, Benton, Brown, Dickerson, Eaton, Edwards, Hayne, Holmes, of Miss. Jackson, Johnson, of Ky. Henry Johnson, J. S. Johnston, Kelly, Knight, Lanman, Lloyd, of Md. Lowrie, M'Ilvaine, Noble, Ruggles, Seymour, Talbot, Taylor, of Ind. Thomas, and Williams.

On motion by Mr. HOLMES, of Me. to add to the first section the following: Provided, and the faith of the United States is hereby pledged, that no money shall ever be expended for roads or canals, except it shall be among the several states, and in the same proportion as direct taxes are laid and assessed by the provisions of the constitution. It was determined in the negative—Yeas 19, Nays 27.

YEAS, 19.—Messrs. Barbour, Bell, Branch, Chandler, D'Wolf, Elliott, Findlay, Gaillard, Holmes, of Me. King, of N. Y. Knight, Lanman, Lloyd, of Mass. Macon, Mills, Palmer, Taylor, of Va. Van Buren, and Ware.

NAYS, 27.—Messrs. Barton, Benton, Brown, Clayton, Dickerson, Eaton, Edwards, Hayne, Holmes, of Miss. Jackson, Johnson, of Ken. Henry Johnson, J. S. Johnston, Kelly, King, of Ala. Lloyd, of Md. Lowrie, M'Ilvaine, Noble, Ruggles, Seymour, Smith, Talbot, Taylor, of Ind. Thomas, Van Dyke, and Williams.

And no further amendment having been proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate; on the question, "Shall this bill be read a third time?" It was determined in the affirmative—Yeas 25, Nays 21.

YEAS, 25.—Messrs. Barton, Benton, Brown, Dickerson, Eaton, Findlay, Hayne, Holmes, of Miss. Jackson, Johnson, of Ky. Henry Johnson, Josiah S. Johnston, Kelly, Lanman, Lloyd, of Md. Lloyd, of Mass. Lowrie, M'Ilvaine; Noble, Ruggles, Smith, Talbot, Taylor, of Ind. Thomas, and Williams.

NAYS, 21.—Messrs. Barbour, Bell, Branch, Chandler, Clayton, D'Wolf, Edwards, Elliott, Gaillard, Holmes, of Me. King, of Ala. King, of N. Y. Knight, Macon, Mills, Palmer, Seymour, Taylor, of Va. Van Buren, Van Dyke, and Ware. *Adjourned.*

Saturday, April 24th, 1824.—102nd day.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of War, complying with a resolution of the Senate of the 21st instant, respecting the number of arms furnished the United States by the state of South-Carolina during the late war; read, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. DICKERSON, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the several acts for imposing duties on imports," reported the same with amendments, which were read. He also laid on the table a statement of the present duties on imports compared with those proposed by the last mentioned bill. *Ordered*, That the amendments and statement be printed for the use of the Senate. Mr. DICKERSON gave notice that he would, on Tuesday next, call for the consideration of the said bill.

Mr. HENRY JOHNSON submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for the adjustment, upon equitable principles, of the claims of Colonel John Smith, of Louisiana, against the United States, for moneys paid the troops of the United States, by his deceased son, A. Smith, in his lifetime, during the late war.

The four bills yesterday brought up from the House of Repre-

sentatives for concurrence, were severally read twice by unanimous consent.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, approved on the 3d of March, 1819, entitled 'An act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices.'" The bill, entitled "An act changing the mode of surveying the public land, on any river, lake, bayou, or water course in the State of Mississippi and Territory of Arkansas;" and the bill, entitled "An act granting to the counties or parishes of each state and territory of the United States, in which the public lands are situated, the right of pre-emption to quarter sections of lands for seats of justice within the same," be severally referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Ordered, That the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States, for the year 1824," be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill further to amend the judicial system of the United States, and provide for the holding of circuit courts;—Mr. BRANCH in the chair; postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Monday next. Also, the bill further to regulate the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States; postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Monday next.

Mr. VAN DYKE, from the Select Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom was referred the memorial of the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, made a report, accompanied by a bill authorizing the subscription of stock in the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company; the bill ordered to a second reading, and the report to be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. JACKSON, from the joint Committee appointed to examine and report what business ought to be acted upon at the present session, and also at what time the session may be closed by the adjournment of the two Houses, made a report, in part, which was read.

The engrossed bill, supplementary to "An act to incorporate a company for making certain turnpike roads in the District of Columbia," was read the third time, amended, by unanimous consent, and *PASSED*.

The engrossed bill to provide for the settlement of certain pecuniary claims against the United States, was read the third time; and on the question, "Shall the bill pass?" It was determined in the negative—Yea 19, Nays 25.

YEAS, 19.—Messrs. Barbour, Barton, Branch, Brown, Hayne, Holmes, of Me. Holmes of Miss. Jackson, Johnson, of Ky. Kelly, King, of Ala. Lloyd, of Md. Lloyd, of Mass. M'Ilvaine, Macon, Smith, Taylor, of Ind. Taylor, of Va. and Van Dyke.

NAYS, 25.—Messrs. Bell, Benton, Chandler, Clayton, D'Wolf, Dickerson, Eaton, Edwards Elliott, Findlay, Gaillard, Henry Johnson, J. S. Johnston, Knight, Lanman, Lowrie, Mills, Noble, Palmer, Ruggles, Seymour, Talbott, Thomas, Ware, and Williams.

So it was resolved that the bill do not pass.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to procure the necessary surveys, plans, and estimates upon the subject of Roads and Canals," was read the third time, and *PASSED*, Yea 24, Nays 18.

YEAS, 24.—Messrs. Barton, Benton, Brown, Dickerson, Eaton, Findlay, Hayne, Holmes, of Miss. Jackson, Johnson, of Ken. Henry Johnson, J. S. Johnston, Kelly, Lloyd, of Md. Lloyd, of Mass. Lowrie, M'Ilvaine, Noble, Ruggles, Smith, Talbot, Taylor, of Ind. Thomas, and Williams.

NAYS, 18.—Messrs. Barbour, Bell, Branch, Chandler, Clayton, D'Wolf, Edwards, Elliott, Gaillard, Holmes, of Me. King, of Ala. Knight, Macon, Mills, Palmer, Seymour, Taylor, of Va. Van Buren.

The engrossed bill, explanatory of an act confirming claims to lots in the town of Mobile, was read the third time, and *PASSED*.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill to repeal, in part, the act, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Alabama Territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states," and the same having been amended, it was reported to the Senate; and the amendment being concurred in; on the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?" It was decided in the affirmative. *Adjourned*.

Monday, April 26th, 1824—103rd day.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined and signed, and it was delivered to the Committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. KING, of Alabama, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act granting to the counties or parishes of each state and territory of the United States, in which the public lands are situated, the right of pre-emption to quarter sections of land for seats of justice within the same," reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. BROWN, *Ordered*, That the Select Committee on Roads and Canals be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Lewis A. Tarascon and others.

The bills brought up from the House of Representatives on Saturday for concurrence, were severally read twice by unanimous consent.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Mary James," be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act to alter the judicial districts of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes," and the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the sale of lands conveyed to the United States in certain cases, and for other purposes," be severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Alvin Bronson," be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Collyer and others," the bill, entitled "An act to authorize masters of vessels in certain cases, to clear out either at the custom-house of Petersburg or that of Richmond;" and the bill, entitled "An act to allow the bounty to vessels employed in the cod fisheries in certain cases," be severally referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

The bill authorizing the subscription of stock in the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, was read the second time.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 24th instant, instructing the Committee of Claims to inquire into the expediency of allowing the claim of Colonel John Smith; and agreed the reto.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill further to amend the judicial system of the United States, and provide for holding of circuit courts, together with the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. JOHNSON, of Kentucky, viz: strike out from the enacting clause and insert six new sections;—Mr. GAILLARD in the chair. The said amendment having been amended, a division of the question was called for. And on motion by Mr. JOHNSON, of Ky. it was agreed to take the question on striking out by yea and nays. Mr. HENRY JOHNSON proposed a further amendment to the bill, which was read; on motion, *Ordered*, That the bill lie on the table, and that the proposed amendment be printed for the use of the Senate.

The following bills from the House were twice read by unanimous consent, and thereon ordered, that the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Arthur H. Henley," the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William N. Earle," the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of David Giffin and Samuel Hoag;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Joseph Mines, deceased;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Thomas, and Co." and the bill "for the relief Joseph Wheaton," be severally referred to the Committee of Claims to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the issuing certain debentures to Barnard Thoof;" the bill, entitled "An act releasing the owners of the ship General Jackson, from the payment of certain duties," and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George B. R. Gove," be severally referred to the Committee on Finance.

Ordered, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the Corporation of the Church of St. Anne, and to authorize the extension of Larned Street, in the town of Detroit;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the assignees and legal representatives of John H. Piatt, be severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill to repeal, in part, the act, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Alabama Territory to form a constitution and state government; and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states," having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time, the title amended, and the bill passed under the title of "An act declaring the consent of Congress to certain acts of the state of Alabama." *Adjourned*.

Tuesday, April 27, 1824—104th day.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George B. R. Gove;" "the bill, entitled "An act releasing the owners of the ship General Jackson, from the payment of certain duties;" and the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the issuing of certain debentures to Barnard Thoopt," reported the same without amendment.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of War, shewing how far the act for the relief of Nimrod Farrow, Richard Harris, and their securities, has been executed; made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate of the 23d instant; read, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. BENTON, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, laid on the table sundry documents on the subject of acts of hostility from the Indians on the Missouri, towards American traders. *Ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.*

Mr. DICKERSON, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, laid on the table statements from the Treasury, exhibiting the value of imported merchandise paying a specific duty and an ad valorem duty. *Ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.*

Mr. KNIGHT reported from the Committee, that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act to procure the necessary surveys, plans and estimates upon the subject of roads and canals."

Mr. BENTON gave notice, that he would to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a bill to sell and dispose of the refuse lands of the United States.

Mr. VAN BUREN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Anna Dubord, wife of Joseph Antonio de Reano, reported a bill to permit Anna Dubord to bring certain slaves into the state of Louisiana; read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. LLOYD, of Mass. from the Managers on the part of the Senate, at the conference on the amendment of the Senate, disagreed to by the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States for the year 1824," reported, that having met the managers on the part of the House of Representatives, they have agreed to recommend, that the Senate recede from their amendment to strike out the specifications for contingent expenses, and that the bill be amended as follows:

Insert after the words "contingent expenses," in the 20th line, *accruing in the present year.*

Line 42. After the word "service," insert for per diem allowance to officers engaged in extra service beyond the limit of their stations; for the purchase and repairs of steam and fire engines and machinery; for expenses of burying deceased persons belonging to the navy; for taxes on navy yards and public property, and for accidents to the public vessels.

Line 43. After "whatever," strike out one hundred and eighty thousand dollars, and insert one hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars; and, also insert, for contingent expenses for objects arising in the current year, and not herein before enumerated, five thousand dollars.

On motion, the Senate proceeded to consider said report, and, *Resolved*, That they concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

On motion by Mr. DICKERSON, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, entitled "An act to amend the several acts for imposing duties on imports—Mr. VAN DYKE in the chair.

Ordered to be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. JACKSON, *Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Mary James," be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that it be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee of Finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year 1824," reported it without amendment.

Mr. SMITH laid on the table documents in relation to said bill; and, on motion, *Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of said bill, as in

Committee of the whole, and, on motion by Mr. CHANDLER, to strike out the words "for the purchase of a site, and collecting materials for the projected work at New Utrecht Point, one of the works intended to defend the narrows in New-York harbour, fifty thousand dollars."

It was determined in the negative, Yeas 4, Nays 34.

YEAS, 4.—Messrs. Branch, Chandler, Holmes, of Me. and Macon.

NAYS, 34.—Messrs. Barbour, Barton, Bell, Benton, Brown, Clayton, D'Wolf, Eaton, Edwards, Elliott, Findlay, Gaillard, Hayne, Holmes, of Miss. Jackson, Johnson, of Ky. Henry Johnson, J. S. Johnston, King, of N. Y. Knight, Lunman, Lloyd, of Md. Lloyd, of Mass. Lowrie, M'Ilvaine, Mills, Parrott, Ruggles, Seymour, Smith, Talbot, Thomas, Van Buren, and Van Dyke.

And no amendment having been made to the bill, it was reported to the Senate, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion, the said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent, and *PASSED*.

Bills from the House of Representatives of the following titles, viz: 1st. "An act to authorize the President to exchange five arpents of land on the south side of the public lot at Baton Rouge, for an equal quantity of land on the north side of said lot." 2d. "An act for the relief of Robert S. Foreman." 3d. "An act for the relief of William T. Nimmo," were severally read twice by unanimous consent, and committed; the 1st to the Committee on Military Affairs; the 2d, to the Committee on Public Lands, and the 3d, to the Committee of Claims.

After the consideration of Executive business, *Adjourned.*

Wednesday, April 28, 1824—105th day.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined and signed, and it was delivered to the Committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. RUOGLES, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Wheaton," reported it without amendment.

Mr. KNIGHT reported from the Committee, that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States, for the year 1824."

Mr. BARTON, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert S. Foreman," reported it without amendment.

He also reported the bill, entitled "An act changing the mode of surveying the public lands on any river, lake, bayou, or water course in the state of Mississippi and territory of Arkansas," with an amendment, which was read.

Mr. NOBLE, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Mary James," reported it without amendment.

Mr. BELL, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of David Giffin, and Samuel Hoag," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. DICKERSON, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize masters of vessels in certain cases to clear out either at the custom house of Petersburg or that of Richmond," reported the same with an amendment, which was read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. BENTON asked, and obtained leave, to bring in a bill to sell and dispose of the refuse lands of the United States, which was read and ordered to a second reading.

The following written message was yesterday received from the President of the United States, by Mr. EVERETT, his Secretary.

To the Senate of the United States:

In conformity with a resolution of the Senate of the 19th instant, requesting information whether the Executive, through the agency of the War Department, borrowed any money during the late war, under the condition of applying the same to the defence of the state wherein the said loans were made, to what amount, and whether interest was paid by the United States for such loans, &c. I herewith transmit report from the Secretary of War, containing all the information in that department in relation to the resolution,

April 27, 1824.

JAMES MONROE.

The message and accompanying documents were read, and on motion, *Ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.*

The bill to permit Anna Dubord to bring certain slaves into the state of Louisiana, was read the second time.

Mr. LLOYD, of Md. from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the petition of John Vanderlyn, reported a bill to authorize the painting of the Battle of New-Orleans, by John Vanderlyn; read, and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. LLOYD, of Mass., the Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the whole, the bill in addition to an act establishing navy hospitals. *Ordered* to be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Saturday next.

Mr. HENRY JOHNSON submitted the following motion for consideration.

Resolved, That the Post Master General be directed to report to the Senate at their next session the nearest practicable post route from New-Orleans to Washington City.

On motion by Mr. JOHNSON, of Ky., the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill further to amend the Judicial of the United States, and provide for the holding of circuit courts, postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Saturday next.

Mr. SEYMOUR presented the petition of Pliny Moore and others, owners and occupants of mills on the frontier of the state of New-York, bordering on the Canada line, praying that persons residing on the Canada side may be exempted from the payment of the duty imposed on certain articles, when transported to said mills to be manufactured; read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. M'ILVAINE, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the representatives of Joseph Mines, deceased;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Arthur N. Henley, reported them severally, without amendment.

On motion by Mr. DICKERSON, the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to amend the several acts for imposing duties on imports," together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures—Mr. KING, of Ala., in the chair; and, on motion by Mr. MILLS, to strike out in sec. 1, lines 102, 103, 104, the words "On iron in bars, or bolts, not manufactured in whole or in part, by rolling, ninety cents per hundred and twelve pounds." It was determined in the affirmative, Yeas 24, Nays 23.

YEAS, 24.—Messrs. Barbour, Branch, Clayton, Edwards, Elliott, Gaillard, Hayne, Holmes, of Me. Holmes, of Miss. Henry Johnson, J. S. Johnston, Kelly, King, of Ala. King, of N. Y. Lloyd, of Md. Lloyd, of Mass. Macon, Mills, Parrott, Smith, Taylor, of Va. Van Dyke, Ware, and Williams.

NAYS, 23.—Messrs. Barton, Bell, Benton, Brown, Chandler, D'Wolf, Dicker-
son, Eaton, Findlay, Jackson, Johnson, of Ky. Knight, Lanman, Lowrie, M'Il-
vaine, Noble, Palmer, Ruggles, Seymour, Talbot, Taylor, of Ind. Thomas,
and Van Buren. *Adjourned*.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, April 20th, 1824—108th day.

The SPEAKER presented a memorial of Amelia Eugenia de la Rue, praying that a speedy decision may be made on her claim as the heir and representative of the late Caron de Beaumarchais, of France; laid on the table.

Mr. PLUMER, of N. H. from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the District Court in the District of Missouri," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Benjamin Latham; laid upon the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Heronimus Mingers, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. HAMILTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made a report on the petition of John Top, accompanied by a bill for his relief; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow. The resolution laid on the table by Mr. MOORE, of Ala. yesterday, was taken up, read, and agreed to by the House.

The resolution laid on the table by Mr. LONGFELLOW, yesterday, was taken up, read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. LONG laid the following resolution on the table for consideration, to-morrow, viz:

Resolved, That the Post Master General be requested to lay before this House, a statement of all the post routes now established not included in his statement of unproductive post routes already submitted to the House, together with a statement of the amount paid for the transportation of the mail on each route, the number of mails on each route per week, and the amount of profits arising from each one. Also, the amount that would be saved by discontinuing certain unproductive routes as proposed by the bill reported by the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads; likewise, the amount that might be saved by having one mail instead of two on all routes where there are now two mails a week.

On motion of Mr. TAYLOR, *Resolved*, That a Committee, consisting of Messrs. TAYLOR, M'LANE, of Del. FORSYTH, RANKIN, and CAMPBELL, of Ohio, be appointed on the part of this House, to join such Committee as may

be appointed by the Senate to examine and report what business ought to be acted upon at the present session; and also, at what time the session may be closed by the adjournment of the two Houses.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of Benjamin Barton.

Mr. CUSHMAN submitted the following, viz: *Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of laying a duty on stills or on spirits distilled from foreign and domestic materials within the United States; which was read, and on the question, "Will the House now consider it?" It was determined in the negative.

Mr. FORSYTH submitted the following, viz: *Resolved*, That the President be officially informed, that this House has ordered an investigation of the memorial presented to this House on the 19th instant, signed by Ninian Edwards, lately appointed Minister to Mexico, that the said Ninian Edwards may be instructed not to leave the United States before that investigation has taken place; the said resolution was read; and on the question, "Will the House now consider it?" It was determined in the negative.

Mr. MOORE, of Ala. submitted the following, viz: *Resolved*, That John Floyd, a member of this House, be excused from serving on the Committee appointed yesterday on the address of Ninian Edwards. The resolution was read, and on the question, "Will the House now consider it?" It was determined in the negative.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. EVERETT, his Secretary, which was read.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported from the Committee of the whole, to the bill making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States, for the year 1824, and the said amendments being read, were concurred in by the House, with the exception of one, which was disagreed to.

Mr. COCKE then moved further to amend the said bill, by striking out the following item, viz: "For the purchase of a site, and collecting materials for the projected work at Brenton's Point, Narraganset Bay, Rhode-Island, fifty thousand dollars." It was determined in the negative, Yeas 62, Nays 120.

YEAS, 62.—Messrs. Abbot, Bartley, Beecher, Blair, Brown, Buchanan, Buck, Buckner, Campbell, of Ohio, Cary, Cobb, Cocke, Conner, Culpeper, Day, Edwards, of N. C. Findlay, Floyd, Foot, of Conn. Gazlay, Gist, Henry, Johnson, of Va. F. Johnson, Kremer, Leftwich, Letcher, Long, M'Arthur, M'Coy, M'Kean, M'Lean, of Ohio, Matlack, Matson, Metcalfe, Mitchell, of Penn. Moore, of Ken. Patterson, of Penn. Patterson, of Ohio, Plumer, of Penn. Prince, Ross, Saunders, Sandford, Sloan, Spaight, Standifer, Stewart, Test, Thompson, of Geo. Tracy, Vance, of N. C. Vance, of Ohio, Warfield, Whittlesey, White, Wickliffe, Williams, of Va. Williams, of N. C. Wilson, of S. C. Wilson, of Ohio, and Wright.

NAYS, 120.—Messrs. Adams, Alexander, of Va. Allen, of Mass. Allen, of Tenn. Allison, Archer, Baylies, Barber, of Conn. P. P. Barbour, Bartlett, Bassett, Bradley, Breck, Burton, Cady, Cambreleng, Carter, Cassedy, Clark, Collins, Condict, Cook, Crafts, Craig, Crowninshield, Cushman, Cuthbert, Durfee, Dwight, Eaton, Eddy, Ellis, Farrelly, Foote, of N. Y. Forsyth, Frost, Fuller, Garnett, Gatlin, Gurley, Hamilton, Harris, Harvey, Hayden, Hayward, Hemphill, Herrick, Herkimer, Hobart, Hogboom, Hooks, Houston, Isaacs, J. T. Johnson, Kent, Kidder, Lathrop, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Litchfield, Little, Livermore, Livingston, Locke, Longfellow, M'Duffie, M'Kee, M'Kim, M'Lane, of Del. Mangum, Mallary, Martindale, Marvin, Mercer, Mitchell, of Md. Moore, of Ala. Morgan, Neale, Nelson, Newton, O'Brien, Owen, Plumer, of N. H. Poinsett, Rankin, Richards, Rives, Scott, Sharpe, Sibley, Arthur Smith, Alex. Smyth, Wm. Smith, Spence, Sterling, A. Stevenson, Stoddard, Strong, Swan, Taliaferro, Taylor, Thompson, of Ken. Tod, Tomlinson, Trimble, Tucker, of Va. Tucker, of S. C. Tyson, Udree, Van Rensselaer, Van Wyck, Vinton, Wayne, Whipple, Whitman, Williams, of N. Y. Henry Wilson, Wood, and Woods.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Adjourned.

Wednesday, April 21st, 1824—109th day.

Mr. McLANE, of Del., from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for the relief of Archibald Clarke; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. McLANE, from the same Committee, to which was referred the bill from Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the sale of the Ware House at the quarantine ground, near the English turn, in the state of Louisiana, and for the erection of a dwelling house at the Balize, in said state, for the use of the board-ing officer at that place, and for other purposes, reported the same without amendment; committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. McLANE, from the same Committee, to which was referred the bill from Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Elijah Van Syckel, of Philadelphia," reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill of this House, for the relief of the same individual.

Mr. WILLIAMS, of N. C. from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Thaddeus Mayhew," reported the same with an amendment. *Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Shields," and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. WITTESEY, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Thomas Standiford," reported the same with an amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. NEWTON, from the Committee on Commerce, who were instructed on the 12th instant, to inquire into the expediency of so modifying or amending the act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting

trade and fisheries, and to regulate the same so as to exempt all vessels and boats employed in navigating the Canals in the state of New-York, from the necessity of being enrolled or licensed, and from the payment of tonnage duties, reported that it is inexpedient so to modify or amend the said act; which report was read and concurred in by the House.

Mr. NEWTON, from the same Committee, reported a bill to allow the bounty to vessels employed in the Cod fisheries in certain cases; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Isaac Collier and others.

Mr. HARVEY, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Enoch Hidden; read, and laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. LONG, Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act of the present session, authorizing the Executors of John B. Mebane, to collect certain arrears of tax as to authorize the said executors to collect arrears of internal duties.

Mr. McDUFFIE submitted the following resolution: Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be directed to furnish the President of the United States with a copy of their memorial of Ninian Edwards, recently presented to this House, containing certain charges against the Secretary of the Treasury; the said resolution being read, Mr. SAUNDERS moved to amend the same by adding thereto as follows: "and that he be further informed that the House of Representatives have referred the said memorial to a Select Committee; it was then Ordered, That the said resolution be laid upon the table.

The resolution laid upon the table by Mr. LONG yesterday, was taken up and modified to read as follows: Resolved, That the Postmaster General be directed to lay before this House a statement of the amount that would be saved by discontinuing certain unproductive routes as proposed by the bill reported by the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads; likewise the amount that might be saved by having one mail instead of two on all routes where there are now two mails a week; laid on the table.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of Jacob Verley.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year 1824," was read the third time, and the question was stated, "Shall it pass?" When a motion was made by Mr. COSS, to recommit the said bill to the Committee of Ways and Means, with instructions so to amend the same, as that the whole amount of money to be appropriated for fortifications for the year 1824, shall not exceed the sum of five hundred thousand dollars.

A division of the question was called for, and on the question, "Shall the bill be recommitted?" It was determined in the negative. Yeas 64, Nays 103.

YEAS, 64.—Messrs. Abbot, Allen of Mass. Beecher, Brown, Buchanan, Buck, Buckner, Campbell of Ohio, Cary, Cobb, Cocke, Conner, Culpeper, Edwards of N. C. Findlay, Foot of Conn. Forsyth, Gatlin, Gazlay, Hall, Harris, Henry, Hooks, Johnson of Va F. Johnson, Leftwich, Letcher, Long, McArthur, McCoy, McLean of Ohio, Markley, Matlack, Matson, Metcalfe, Moore of Ken. Patterson of Penn. Patterson of Ohio, Plumer of Penn. Prince Rives, Ross, Sloan, Arthur Smith, Alex. Smyth, Spaight, Standifer, Test, Thompson of Geo. Tracy, Trimble, Tucker of Va. Tucker of S. C. Vance of N. C. Vance of Ohio, Vinton, Warfield, Whittlesey, White, Wickliffe, Williams of Va. Williams of N. C. Wilson of S. C. and Wright.

NAYS, 103.—Messrs. Adams, Allison, Archer, Baylies, Bartlett, Bartley, Bassett, Breck, Cady, Cambreleng, Cassedy, Clark, Collins, Condict, Cook, Crafts, Craig, Cushman, Durfee, Dwight, Eaton, Eddy, Edwards of Penn. Farrelly, Foote of N. Y. Fuller, Garnett, Gist, Gurley, Hamilton, Harvey, Hayden, Hayward, Herrick, Herkimer, Hogeboom, Holcombe, Houston, Isacks, Jenkins, Kent, Kidder, Kremer, Lathrop, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Litchfield, Little, Livingston, Longfellow, McDuffie, McKim, McLane of Del. Mangum, Martindale, Mercer, Mitchell of Penn. Mitchell of Md. Moore of Ala. Morgan, Neale, Nelson, Newton, O'Brien, Owen, Plumer of N. H. Poinsett, Rankin, Reed, Richards, Rose, Saunders, Sandford, Scott, Sharpe, Sibley, Wm. Smith, Spence, Sterling, A. Stevenson, J. Stephenson, Stoddard, Strong, Swan, Taliaferro, Tattnall, Thompson of Ken. Tod, Tomlinson, Tyson, Udree, Van Rensselaer, Van Wyck, Wayne, Webster, Whipple, Whitman, Williams of N. Y. Henry Wilson, Wood, and Woods.

The question was then put, "Shall the bill pass?" It passed in the affirmative.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the District Court in the District of Missouri," was read the third time and PASSED.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the President of the Washington Canal Company, of their receipts and expenditures during the last year, made in obedience to the requisitions of their charter, which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

The joint resolution from the Senate, "fixing the time for an adjournment of Congress," was read the first and second time; when a motion was made that it be referred to the Joint Committee appointed to examine and report what business ought to be acted upon at the present session; and also at what time the session may be closed by the adjournment of the two Houses. And the question being put, it passed in the affirmative. Yeas 87, Nays 77.

YEAS, 87.—Messrs. Allison, Archer, Bartley, Beecher, Breck, Brown, Buchanan, Burleigh, Cady, Campbell of Ohio, Cary, Cassedy, Condict, Crafts, Craig, Durfee, Eddy, Edwards of Penn. Ellis, Farrelly, Findlay, Foote of N. Y. Frost, Gatlin, Gazlay, Hall, Harris, Hayden, Hayward, Hemphill, Henry, Holcombe, Jenkins, Johnson of Va. F. Johnson, Kidder, Kremer, Lawrence, Lincoln, Little, Livermore, Livingston, McArthur, McLean of Ohio, Markley, Martindale, Matlack, Matson, Metcalfe, Mitchell of Penn. Mitchell of Md. Moore of Ken. Newton, Patterson of Penn. Patterson of Ohio, Plumer of Penn. Prince, Richards, Rose, Ross, Sandford, Scott, Sharpe, Sloan, Sterling, J. Stephenson, Stoddard, Strong, Swan, Test, Tod, Tracy, Trimble, Tyson, Udree, Vance of N. C. Vance of Ohio, Van Wyck, Vinton, Warfield, Whittlesey, White, Williams of N. C. Henry Wilson, Wood, Woods, and Wright.

NAYS, 77.—Messrs. Alexander of Va. Allen of Mass. Baylies, P. P. Barber, Bartlett, Bassett, Buck, Buckner, Cambreleng, Carter, Clark, Cocke, Collins, Conner, Crownshield, Cushman, Day, Dwight, Eaton, Edwards of N. C. Foot of Conn. Fuller, Gist, Govan, Gurley, Hamilton, Harvey, Hogeboom, Hooks, Houston, Isacks, Kent, Lathrop, Lee, Leftwich, Letcher, Litchfield, Locke, Long, Longfellow, McCoy, McDuffie, McKee, McKim, McLane of Del. Mangum, Mercer, Moore of Ala. Neale, Nelson, O'Brien, Owen, Plumer of N. H. Poinsett, Rankin, Reed, Rives, Saunders, Sibley, Arthur Smith, Wm. Smith, Spaight, Spence, Standifer, A. Stevenson, Taliaferro, Tattnall, Thompson of Geo. Tomlinson, Tucker, of Va. Tucker of S. C. Van Rensselaer, Webster, Whipple, Williams of Va. and Wilson of S. C.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the acts relative to the election of a President and Vice President," was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Colonel William Duane," was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of Claims.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid Pensioners," was read, and referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. LATHROP reported that the Committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and had come to no resolution thereon.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill supplementary to an act approved on the 3d March, 1819, entitled "An act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices with the amendments thereto reported by the Committee on the public lands"; and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. CONDICT reported the agreement of the Committee of the whole to the amendments proposed by the Committee on the public lands, with amendments. Adjourned.

Thursday, April 22d, 1824.—110th day.

Mr. FULLER, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition of Benj. King, accompanied by a bill for his relief; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. FULLER, from the same Committee, made a report on the petition of Mary Ann Springer, which was read; whereupon it was Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition.

Mr. KENT, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for enclosing the burial ground of Christ Church, Washington Parish," reported the same without amendment. Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. NEWTON, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill to authorize the building of light houses, light vessels, and beacons, therein mentioned, and for other purposes; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. FLOYD, from the Committee appointed on the communication from Ninian Edwards, reported the following minutes of the proceedings of the Committee, to wit:

"Voted, That the committee ought to proceed to make inquiry into the matters contained in the said communication, and connected therewith.

"Voted, That, for the purpose of such inquiry, the attendance of said Ninian Edwards, upon the Committee, to be by them examined, is requisite, and that his attendance be accordingly ordered.

"Voted, That the Chairman do inform the House of the foregoing resolutions of the Committee; and, inasmuch as it is suggested, that the said Ninian Edwards is about to leave the United States, on foreign diplomatic service—

"Voted, That the Chairman do move the House, that information of the said communication, of the votes of the House thereon, and of the foregoing resolutions of the Committee, be communicated to the President."

And thereupon Mr. FLOYD moved, that information of the said communication, of the votes of the House thereon, and of the foregoing resolutions of the Committee, be communicated to the President of the United States. That the Clerk of this House be directed to adopt measures to expedite the printing of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, upon which the said communication is founded; and that the said communication, with its accompanying documents, be printed. All of which motions were agreed to by the House.

Mr. ALEXANDER, of Va. laid the following resolution on the table, for consideration to-morrow, viz: Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House, the proceedings of a court martial, lately held at Norfolk, for the trial of Lieutenant Beverly Kennon, of the United States' navy.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported from the Committee of the whole House, to the amendments reported from the Committee on the Public Lands, to the bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act, providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land, at the land offices;" and the amendments of the Committee of the whole being read, were concurred in by the House. The amendments of the Committee on the Public Lands were then agreed to as amended, and the bill was ordered to be re-engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill granting to the territory of Arkansas, the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land; the bill changing the mode of surveying the public lands on any river, lake, bayou, or water course, in the State of Mississippi and Territory of Arkansas; and the bill granting to the counties or parishes of each State and Territory of the United States, in which the public lands are situated, the right of pre-emption to quarter sections of land, for seats of justice within the same; and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. CAMP-

BELL, of Ohio, reported the two bills last mentioned, with amendments to the last mentioned bill, and asked leave for the Committee to sit again on the bill first mentioned; it was then Ordered, That the Committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of the said first mentioned bill. The amendments reported to the said last mentioned bill were then concurred in by the House, and the bills were severally ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill making provision for a Private Secretary of the President of the United States, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said bill be re-committed to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the report of the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, on the petition of Richard G. Morris; and, after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. CONDICT reported the agreement of the Committee of the whole, to the resolution recommended in the report of the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims. The said resolution was then concurred in by the House, as follows: Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted. Adjourned.

Friday, April 23d, 1824.—111th day.

Mr. WILLIAMS, of N. C. from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Colonel William Duane," reported the same without amendment. Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. WEBSTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was re-committed the bill to provide for the sale of lands conveyed to the United States in certain cases, and for other purposes, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. WHIPPLE, from the Committee on the Public Lands, who were instructed by resolutions passed by the House on the 31st of December, 1823, the 2d and 23d of January last, to inquire into the expediency of granting pre-emption rights in the purchase of public lands in certain cases, and to whom was referred the petition of Hardy Doyle and George Caperton, and the petition of L. C. Davis, made a report thereon; laid upon the table.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, on the petition of Pelatiah Littlefield, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

The resolution laid on the table yesterday, by Mr. ALEXANDER, of Va. was taken up, read, and agreed to, by the House.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of John P. Cox, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. ELLIS, Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Bloomsburg, in Columbia county, in Pennsylvania, to Williamsburg, thence to Orangefield, thence to Bloomfield, and thence to the post office at Fishing Creek, in Columbia county aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. HAYWARD, Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Buildings, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of purchasing three of Capellano's marble busts of Washington, to be placed in the public buildings under the direction of the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. HARRIS, Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of divers inhabitants of Perrysburg, in the state of Pennsylvania.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz: An act supplementary to an act, approved on the third of March, 1819, entitled "An act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the Land Offices." "An act changing the mode of surveying the public lands, on any river, lake, bayou, or water course in the State of Mississippi and Territory of Arkansas." "An act granting to the counties or parishes of each state and territory of the United States, in which the public lands are situated, the right of pre-emption to quarter sections of land for seats of justice within the same;" were respectively read the third time and PASSED.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Mary James; and after some time spent therein, Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. BRENT reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to alter the judicial districts of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; and after some time spent therein, Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. STERLING reported the same with amendments; which were read, and concurred in by the House. Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Isaac Collyer, and others; and on the bill to allow the bounty to vessels employed in the cod fishery in certain cases; and after some time spent therein, Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair, Mr. LATHROP reported the said bills without amendment. Ordered, That said bills be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. EVERETT, his Secretary, as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

In conformity with a resolution of the House of Representatives of yesterday, I have received a copy of the proceedings of the Committee to whom was referred a communication from Ninian Edwards, lately appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to Mexico, in which it is decided that his attendance in this city for the purpose of being examined by the Committee, on matters contained in the communication, was requisite. As soon as I was apprised that such a communication had been made to the House, anticipating that the attendance of Mr. EDWARDS might be desired for the purpose stated, I thought it proper that he should be informed thereof, and instructed not to proceed in his mission, but to await such call as might be made on him, either by the House or its Committee;

and in consequence, a letter was addressed to him to that effect, by the Secretary of State.

April 23, 1824.

JAMES MONROE.

The said message was read and laid on the table.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill making provision for the support of Penelope Denny, mother of James Denny, late a quarter gunner in the navy of the United States, and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. CONDICT reported the same with an amendment; which was read and concurred in by the House.

The question was then put, "Shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time?" and was determined in the negative, Yeas 82, Nays 98.

YEAS, 82.—Messrs. Adams, Archer, Brent, Cady, Cambreleng, Carter, Cary, Collins, Condict, Conner, Cook, Crafts, Craig, Culpeper, Cushman, Dwight, Ellis, Foot, of Con. Foot, of N. Y. Garnett, Gurley, Hamilton, Harris, Hayward, Hemphill, Herrick, Herkimer, Hogeboom, Houston, F. Johnson, Kidder, Kremer, Litchfield, Livingston, Locke, Longfellow, McDuffie, McLane, of Del. Mallary, Marvin, Miller, Mitchell, of Md. Moore, of Ken. Morgan, Nelson, Plumer, of Penn. Richards, Rives, Saunders, Sandford, Sharpe, Spence, J. Stephenson, Strong, Taylor, Test, Thompson, of Ken. Tyson, Van Rensselaer, Van Wyck, Wood, and Woods.

NAYS, 98.—Messrs. Abbot, Alexander, of Va. Allison, Barber, of Conn. P. P. Barbour, Bartlett, Bassett, Beecher, Breck, Buchanan, Buck, Buckner, Burleigh, Burton, Campbell, of Ohio, Cobb, Cocke, Crownshield, Cuthbert, Day, Eddy, Edwards, of Penn. Edwards, of N. C. Findlay, Floyd, Fuller, Garrison, Gazlay, Gist, Hall, Harvey, Hayden, Henry, Hooks, Isaacs, Jenkins, Johnson, of Penn. Kent, Lathrop, Leftwich, Letcher, Lincoln, Little, Livermore, Long, McArthur, McCoy, McKean, McKee, McKim, McLane, of Ohio, Markley, Martindale, Matlack, Matson, Metcalfe, Mitchell, of Penn. Neale, Newton, O'Brien, Owen, Patterson, of Penn. Patterson, of Ohio, Plumer, of N. H. Prince, Rankin, Reed, Ross, Scott, Sibley, Sloan, Arthur Smith, Wm. Smith, Spaight, Standifer, Sterling, Stoddard, Taltferro, Tattuall, Thompson, of Geo. Tod, Tomlinson, Tucker, of Va. Tucker, of S. C. Udree, Vance, of N. C. Vance, of Ohio, Vinton, Warfield, Whipple, Whitman, Whittlesey, White, Williams, of N. Y. Williams, of Va. Williams, of N. C. Henry Wilson, and Wright.

And so the bill was rejected.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Alvin Brown; and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. Foot, of Connecticut, reported the same without amendment. Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to authorize masters of vessels, in certain cases, to clear out either at the custom house at Petersburg, or that at Richmond," was read the third time, and PASSED.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Charles Wilkins, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Adjourned.

Saturday, April 24th, 1824.—112th day.

The SPEAKER presented a memorial of Edmund Gage, stating that he took on board the Schooner Cygnet, (of which he is master,) at the port of Mobile, three slaves to be landed at Key Largo; that the slaves were so landed; that upon his arrival at St. Augustine, in Florida, his vessel was seized and libelled for a breach of the laws of the United States, for the prohibition of the slave trade; that he is also sued for a penalty of three thousand dollars in consequence of said breach; that he was committed to prison, where he still remains, and that the violation of the acts aforesaid, was wholly unintentional and innocent on his part, and praying such relief in the premises as is in the wisdom of Congress may seem meet and proper; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to which was committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Ichabod Lord Skinner," reported the same without amendment; committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. TAYLOR, from the Joint Committee appointed to examine and report what business ought to be acted upon at the present session, and also, at what time the session may be closed by the adjournment of the two Houses, made a report in part, recommending that all the legislative business before the Senate, the bills before the House of Representatives mentioned in schedules No. 1, 2, 3, 4, and so many of those mentioned in schedule No. 5, as time shall permit, be acted upon at the present session.

That precedence be given to private claims, examined and sanctioned by the Committees to which they were respectively referred; and to bills of a public nature, which it is believed, will not require protracted discussion, and that those which are embraced in schedule No. 5, which shall not be decided upon before the rising of Congress, be preferred in the orders of the day, at the commencement of the next session of Congress.

The report being read, it was, Resolved, That the orders of the day, in Committee of the whole House, be arranged in the manner recommended by the said Joint Committee, and that bills hereafter reported, be arranged in the classes to which they respectively belong.

Resolved, That after this day, until otherwise ordered, the House will daily take a recess from two o'clock until four o'clock in the afternoon.

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered, the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, be ten o'clock in the forenoon.

A motion was made by Mr. ALLEN of Mass. that the Joint Committee appointed to examine and report what business ought to be acted upon at the present session, and at what time the session may be closed by the adjournment of the two Houses, to which was referred the joint resolution of the Senate, "fixing the time for the adjournment of Congress," be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and on the question, "Will the House now consider the said motion?" It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. FORWARD, Resolved, That the claim of William Ander-

son, together with the documents which accompany the same, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. GARLAW submitted the following resolution, viz: *Resolved*, That the President of the United States, do cause to be executed, the act of the Congress of the United States, passed on the 3d of March, 1803, as far as the same relates to a township of land situated in the tract of land patented to John Clever Symmes, and reserved for schools.

The said resolution was read, and on the question, "Will the House consider it?" It was determined in the negative.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz: An act to provide for the sale of lands conveyed to the United States, and for other purposes; An act for the relief of Mary James; An act to alter the Judicial districts of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; An act for the relief of Isaac Collyer and others; An act to allow the bounty to vessels employed in the Cod fisheries in certain cases; An act for the relief of Alvin Bronson, were respectively read the third time and *PASSED*.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of David Giffin and Samuel Hoag, and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. BARTLETT reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of the representatives of Joseph Morris, deceased; and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. COBB reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of assignees and legal representatives of John H. Pratt, deceased; and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. CONDUCT reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Also, on the bill for the relief of George B. R. Gove; and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. LATHROP reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*; That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Joseph Wheaton; and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. SHARPE reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Wm. Blagrove; and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. COBB reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Also, on the bill for the relief of John Thomas & Co. and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. STERLING reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Also, on the bill for the relief of certain persons who have paid duties on certain goods imported into Castine; and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, Mr. CONDUCT reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time on Saturday next.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Wm. N. Earle; and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. COCKE reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Also, on the bill releasing the owners of the ship General Jackson, from the payment of certain duties; and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. LATHROP reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Also, on the bill for the relief of the corporation of St. Anne's Church, in Detroit; and to authorize the extension of Larned Street; and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. CONDUCT reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Also, on the bill authorizing the issuing of debentures to Bernard Thoof; and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. HERICK reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Arthur H. Henley, heir and representative of the late David Henley, deceased; and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. FOOT, of Conn. reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Also, the bill for the relief of the representatives of John Donnelson, Stephen Heard, and others; and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. SHARPE reported the same without amendment.

Adjourned.

Monday, April 26th, 1824.—113th day.

The following petitions, memorials, &c. were presented and referred, viz:

Sally C. Wenwood and Eliza S. Wenwood, daughters of Godfrey Wenwood, late of Newport, in the State of Rhode-Island, deceased, praying to be compensated for services rendered to the United States, by their father, during the Revolutionary war;—By Mr. EDDY.

James Kelly, of Pennsylvania, praying to be allowed a pension, in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States;—By Mr. PLUMER, of that State.

Sundry citizens of Dickson county, in the State of Tennessee, representing that James McCauley, of said county, performed a tour of six months, during the Creek war; that his personal suffering during said period, has rendered him unable to labour, and recommending his case to the favourable consideration of Congress;—By Mr. REYNOLDS.

Benjamin Marshall, a soldier of the Revolution, praying for a pension;—By

Mr. WARFIELD. *Ordered*, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Sundry inhabitants of the counties of Ulster and Sullivan, in the State of New-York, praying for the establishment of a post route;—By Mr. JENKINS.

Sundry inhabitants of the western part of Montgomery county, in North-Carolina, a similar petition;—By Mr. CULPEPER. *Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Thomas S. McLeod, praying compensation for services rendered as a clerk in the General Post Office, from 1820 to 1824;—By Mr. CONDUCT. *Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Sundry inhabitants of the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying that they may be restored to their parent, the State of Virginia;—By Mr. NEALE; referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Ira Hill, of the city of Baltimore, soliciting the aid of Congress to enable him to form, in the city of Washington, a geographical garden; about ten acres of ground, and a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, he considers necessary to the accomplishment of his purpose;—By Mr. LITTLE; referred to the Joint Library Committee.

Mr. HAMILTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill to authorize the President to exchange five arpents of land, on the south side of the public lot at Baton Rouge, for an equal quantity of land on the north side of the said lot; read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. HAMILTON, from the same Committee, who were instructed to enquire into the expediency of removing the obstructions in the river Iberville, placed in it by order of the commanding general, during the late war, made a report, which was read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill, to authorize the surveying and making a road from Detroit to Chicago; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. M'LANE, of Del. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of authorizing the purchase of an additional quantity of land, for the enlargement of the site of Fort Washington, and for completing the title in the United States, to a part of that on which the said fort is now erected.

On motion of Mr. LIVINGSTON, *Resolved*, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be directed to report whether the claim of Dussau de la Croix, to certain lots in the town of Mobile, ought not to be confirmed.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz: An act for the relief of David Giffin and Samuel Hoag; An act for the relief of the representatives of Joseph Mines, deceased; An act for the relief of George B. R. Gove; An act for the relief of William Blagrove; An act for the relief of John Thomas and Company; An act for the relief of William N. Earl; An act for the relief of Joseph Wheaton; An act for the relief of the Corporation of the Church of St. Anne, and to authorize the extension of Larned street, in the town of Detroit; An act for the relief of Bernard Thoof; An act for the relief of the assignees and legal representatives of John H. Piatt; An act for the relief of Arthur H. Henley; An act releasing the owners of the ship General Jackson, from the payment of certain duties—were respectively read the third time, and *PASSED*.

Bills from the Senate, entitled, 1st, "An act, explanatory of an act, confirming claims to lots in the town of Mobile," and, 2d, "An act, supplementary to an act, to incorporate a company for making certain turnpike roads in the District of Columbia," were read the first and second time, and referred, the 1st to the Committee on the Public Lands, the 2d to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill for the relief of the representatives of John Donnelson, Stephen Heard, and others, when a motion was made by Mr. COBB, to amend the said bill, by extending its provisions to Thomas Carr. It passed in the affirmative. *Ordered* to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Robert S. Foreman, and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. DWIGHT reported the same without amendment. *Ordered* to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Also, on the bill confirming to the heirs and legal representatives of the late Don Miguel Eslava, sundry claims to land in the city and county of Mobile, in the State of Alabama, and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. EDWARDS, of N. C. reported the same without amendment.

Adjourned.

Tuesday, April 27th, 1824.—114th day.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John A. Wilson, of Tennessee, and that it be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of Maturin Guichot; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. CAMPBELL, from the same Committee, reported a bill for the relief of Joseph Forman and others; read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the whole House, to which the bill for the relief of Maturin Guichot is committed.

Mr. M'LANE, of Del. from the managers appointed on the part of this House, to attend a conference with the conferees on the part of the Senate, in relation to the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, on an amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service of the United States for the year 1824," made a report, which was ordered to be laid upon the table.

The SPEAKER laid before the House a report from the Secretary of War, on the case of George Harlin, made in obedience to an order of this House of the 20th instant, which report was committed to the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill for the relief of said Harlin.

A motion was made by Mr. HAMILTON, that the House do rescind the resolu-

tion adopted on the 24th instant, providing for a recess of the House from 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock, P. M. And on the question to rescind, it passed in the affirmative, Yeas 100, Nays 69.

YEAS, 100.—Messrs. Abbot, Alexander, of Va. Archer, P. P. Barbour, Bartlett, Bassett, Brent, Brown, Buckner, Burton, Cady, Cambreleng, Campbell, of Ohio, Carter, Cary, Clark, Cobb, Collins, Crowninshield, Culpeper, Cushman, Cuthbert, Day, Durfee, Dwinnell, Dwight, Eaton, Eddy, Edwards, of Pen. Edwards, of N. C. Ellis, Farrelly, Fuller, Garrison, Garnett, Gatlin, Gist, Gurney, Hall, Hamilton, Hayden, Hayward, Herkimer, Hobart, Hooks, Houston, Jenkins, Johnson, of Va. Kent, Lawrence, Letcher, Litchfield, Little, Livingston, M'Coy, M'Kee, M'Kim, Mangum, Markley, Matson, Mercer, Metcalfe, Moore, of Ala. Nelson, Newton, Owen, Poinsett, Prince, Randolph, Rankin, Reynolds, Richards, Saunders, Scott, Sibley, Sloan, Arthur Smyth, Alex. Smyth, Wm. Smith, Spaight, Spence, Sterling, A. Stevenson, J. Stephenson, Strong, Tattnall, Ten Eyck, Thompson, of Geo. Thompson, of Ken. Tracy, Vance, of N. C. Warfield, White, Wickliffe, Williams, of Va. Williams, of N. C. James Wilson, Wilson, of S. C. Wood, and Woods.

NAYS, 69.—Messrs. Alexander, of Ten. Allen, of Ten. Allison, Baylies, Barber, of Con. Blair, Bradley, Buchanan, Buck, Burleigh, Cassedy, Cocke, Condict, Conner, Crafts, Craig, Foot, of Con. Gasley, Harris, Harvey, Hemphill, Henry, Hogeboom, Isacks, J. T. Johnson, Kremer, Leftwich, Long, Longfellow, M. Arthur, M'Lane, of Del. M'Lean, of Ohio, Martindale, Marvin, Miller, Mitchell, of Pen. Mitchell, of Md. Neale, O'Brien, Patterson, of Pen. Patterson, of Ohio, Plumer, of N. H. Plumer, of Pen. Ross, Sauford, Sharpe, Standifer, Stewart, Stoddard, Swan, Taylor, Test, Todd, Tomlinson, Trimble, Tucker, of Va. Tucker, of S. C. Tyson, Udree, Vance, of Ohio, Vinton, Webster, Whipple, Whitman, Whittlesey, Williams, of N. Y. Henry Wilson, Wilson, of Ohio, and Wright.

A bill from the Senate, entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress to certain acts of the State of Alabama;" read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. CONDICT moved the following amendment to the rules and orders of the House, viz: "When a bill is engrossed for a third reading, it shall be handed by the Clerk to the Chairman of the Committee reporting it; and it shall be the duty of such Committee carefully to examine and compare such engrossed bill, and report thereon to the House." The said amendment was read, and laid on the table until to-morrow.

Mr. Foot, of Con. laid the following resolution on the table for consideration to-morrow, viz: *Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House, at the next session, a detailed report of the system and plan of fortifications, as at present contemplated by the government, and established by the Board of Engineers; and also, the plans and surveys of such fortifications, with an estimate of the amount necessary to complete the same; and also, the amount expended on fortifications since the year 1815.

The House proceeded to consider the engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William T. Niunmo," when it was moved by Mr. STRONG, that the said bill be postponed until the first day of the next session of Congress; which being disagreed to, Mr. SHARPE moved that the said bill be committed to the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill further to amend the act authorizing the payment for property lost, captured or destroyed by the enemy while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes, passed April 9th, 1816—this motion was also disagreed to by the House; and the question was then put, "Shall the bill pass?" And passed in the affirmative.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz: "An act for the relief of Robert S. Foreman;" "An act to authorize the President to exchange five arpents of land on the south side of the public lot at Baton Rouge, for an equal quantity of land on the north side of said lot," were respectively read the third time and PASSED.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the representatives of John Donnelson, Stephen Heard and others," was read the third time; and, on the question, "Shall the bill pass?" It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. SLOANE, that the House do reconsider this vote; which motion was decided in the negative.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill confirming to the heirs and legal representatives of the late Don Miguel Eslava, sundry claims to land in the city and county of Mobile, in the state of Alabama.

A motion was made by Mr. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, to amend the said bill by striking out the following words: "A tract of land situate on a branch of Dog river, about a league from the town of Mobile, containing 5000 superficial arpents conceded to Miguel Eslava by Joachim Orsono, under an order of survey dated the 25th day of February, 1803, and surveyed by Jose Collins, on the 20th of April, 1804." The amendment being read, *Ordered*, That the said bill be laid on the table.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Charles Humphrey; and Mr. CONDICT reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of the representatives of Elijah Brush: Mr. BUCK reported the same without amendment. *Ordered* to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow. Also, on the bill for the relief of Joseph Marshall; Mr. LATHROP reported the same with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow. Also, on the bill to provide for paying Bozalee Wells, a certain sum of money by him erroneously paid into the Treasury: Mr. HARVEY reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed, and read a third time, to-morrow. Also, on the bill for the relief of Joseph Smith, of Alexandria: Mr. BEECHER reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed, and read a third time, to-morrow. Also, on the bill for the relief of Malachi Burns: and Mr. STERLING reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed, and read a third time, to-morrow. Also, on the bill for the relief of Stephen

Bruce: Mr. FINDLAY reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Lemuel Arms; and Mr. LEFTWICH reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Marien Duvall, and Mr. TEST, reported the same with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Samuel Rest, and on the bill for the relief of Captain William Hall, a pensioner of the United States, and Mr. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, reported the said bills without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow, respectively.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Joshua Bennett, and Mr. WHITTLESEY reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Catharine Louderman, and Mr. TOMLINSON reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Charles Bradford, and Mr. HOGEBOM reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole House to which is committed the bill for the relief of George Harlin, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said bill be re-committed to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Thomas Williams, and Mr. WICKLIFFE reported the same without amendment: *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

[To be continued.]

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

U. S. SHIP JOHN ADAMS, off Havana, April 8, 1824.

SIR: I have the honour to inform you that, in my route to this place, I have touched at St. Bartholomews, St. Christophers, St. Thomas, examined the South side of Porto Rico, looking in at the Dead Man's Chest, and Ponce, two noted places for Porto Rico Privateers; touching at Mona, St. Domingo, Beata, and Kingston, making diligent inquiries and examinations for piratical vessels, and offering convoy and protection to vessels of all nations from piratical aggressions.

In the course of this long route, although we have visited places formerly the rendezvous of pirates, and saw evidence of their having been recently there, we have not been so fortunate as to capture any, nor have we seen any vessels of a suspicious character until two days since, when we pursued a small schooner which took shelter among the Colorados reefs, and from every circumstance there cannot be a doubt she is a pirate.

I shall, as soon as I can, place the vessels now under convoy, in safety, hasten to Thompson's Island to despatch the barges and small vessels in pursuit, and hope in a few days to have her in possession.

It appears that an attempt has been made to revive on the south side of Cuba that system of piracy which had so long prevailed. The British have lost some men in attempting to suppress it, and the fortunate assemblage of a large British force at the Isle of Pines, has, I have been informed, caused a dispersion of the gang.

Nothing but the presence of a strong and active force can keep them in order. I have the honour to be, your obedient servant,

D. PORTER.

To the Hon. Saml. L. Southard, Secretary of the Navy.

U. S. SHIP JOHN ADAMS, Thompson's Island, April 12th, 1824.

SIR: I have the honour to enclose you the papers of the American Brig William Henry, which was taken by Pirates.

The following extract of a letter from Lieut. John T. Newton, will explain how he became possessed of them:—

"On the 8th February we arrived at the Island of Mona, and gave it a strict examination, but could find no inhabitants. There was a hut and tent discovered, but from appearances, had not been recently occupied. A medicine chest, full of medicine, some charts, books, sails, rigging, blocks, &c. and all the papers, relating to the American Brig William Henry, of Baltimore, were found, all of which I took on board, and have left some of the articles in charge of Mr. Thornton, for you, sir. I caused the hut and tent to be destroyed, together with a large canoe that we found in the vicinity."

I have the honour to be, very respectfully, your obedient serv't.

D. PORTER.

To the Hon. Saml. L. Southard, Secretary of the Navy.